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## **UTAH ROLLS OUT TELEFILE INCOME TAX FILING** **Citizens can now file their income taxes via the phone and online**

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah – March 20, 2001 – Filing taxes doesn't ordinarily receive reactions like "It was fun!!!" or "I love it!" or "Very cool thank you!" But this year, Utahns are filing income tax in a whole new way and their positive responses are overwhelming.

This year Telefile, a phone-based filing system in use for the past three years, allows these same taxpayers to use their home computers to file electronically. This new filing solution from the Utah State Tax Commission and Utah.gov, went live on January 10<sup>th</sup> and as of the end of March had processed approximately 30,000 income tax returns.

Telefile is Utah's version of the Federal *e-file* program, designed to serve those with multiple W-2's and standard exemptions. To be eligible for Utah's Telefile, a user must have made less than \$63,400 the previous year and have a filing status of "single" or "married filing joint."

### **Easier filing, faster refunds**

Telefile allows users to speed up their refunds in two ways. First, Telefile significantly reduces mathematical errors by double-checking the data entered. Second, filers get their refunds faster using direct deposit—or in cases where taxes are owed, they can pay online immediately using a credit card or direct debit. These benefits, and the positive environmental impact of the

paperless system, have the Tax Commission hoping to see more taxpayers taking advantage of Telefile and other e-filing methods.

“Utah has one of the highest percentages of Internet users in the nation, and with this new online version of Telefile we can share the speed and convenience of the Web with the filing public,” says Rick Leimbach, Electronic Commerce Coordinator for the Tax Commission. “Telefile’s a really great system; it’s no wonder that we’ve already received so many positive reactions.”

Telefile information is available on the Internet at <http://www.telefile.utah.gov/>.

“Citizens and businesses across the State of Utah want to spend less time waiting in line at government offices, and we are pleased to add Telefile to Utah.gov’s growing suite of timesaving eGovernment services,” said Phil Windley, Chief Information Officer of the State of Utah.

The Telefile system was built and is managed by Utah Interactive, a wholly owned subsidiary of eGovernment firm NIC (Nasdaq: EGOV).

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